### **ABUNDANT HARVEST ON CITY LOT FARM**

What One Man Has Grown on a Patch of Ground Worth \$6 a Foot.

#### **DIRT FROM EXCAVATION** PLACED ON TOP CINDERS

In Such Unfavorable Soil Vegetables of a Wide Variety Flourished.



#### G. H. RICE.

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An interesting experiment is being concluded on ground belonging to the National Geographic Society, 16th street near M, which serves to show, in the opinion of those who have observed it, that many of the vacant lots of the city can be put to a practical and more esthetic use than the growing of unsightly weeds.

The experiment in question is practical farming and vegetable gardening on a city lot and its projector was G. H. Rice, an engineer and gardene in the employ of the National Geographic Society. He has raised sugar corn, limabeans, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, cablage and other vegetables in such quantities, on the land as to net him a handsome profit, and the argument is advanced that if the other vacant lots of the city were put to a similar purpose enough produce might be raised on many of them to pay the taxes on the land, to say nothing of the improvement in the appearance of weed-covered lots.

Worth \$6 a Square Foot.

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a foot for the land. The ground was bought some time ago by the organization, for additional buildings, when needed, and it is expected that be erected there, so that members of hear the society's lectures in their own home. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, director edge of its own resources in a possible of the National Geographic Society and time of need. editor of the National Geographic Magazine, said today that Mr. Rice's experiment had been made with the consent of the organization, which granted the employe the free use of the land, and that many of the officers of the organization think the details as worked out show that the vacant city lots of the capital can be cultivated epough to yield the amount of taxes on the property and at the same time beautify many of the unsightly places along the city streets.

Mr. Rice, who lives in a small dwelling on the Geographic Society's vacant property, began gardening May 22. The plot is approximately 100 by 100 feet. When it was purchased it was graded with cinders and ashes, as it was not known at that time that Mr. Rice was to make experiments with farming and gardening. editor of the National Geographic Mag-

#### Soil From an Excavation.

When construction was begun on the apartment house and hotel which is being built at 16th and I streets permission was granted by the society for the contractors erecting that building to dump their surplus soil and earth on top of the cinders and ashes on the Geographic Society's land. This fur-nished the soil in which the vegetable gardening was done, 288 loads of earth being hauled to the spot, giving prac-

being hauled to the spot, giving practically four inches of earth on top of the ashes and cinders.

"I had an excense of only \$12." Mr. Rice said today, "of which \$5 was for 2 plow and tools which will be useful next year. The sum of \$3 was used for manure for fertilizer. Many of the seeds I used were presented to me, and I afterward paid for them, practically, by making presents of vegetables I raised on the ground. All the work was done by hand, except the plowing, of course, and in my spare time, in the late afternoons and eventings. I saved at least \$15 a month, in cash, on my vegetable bills, making for July, August, September and October a total of about \$60, to say nothing of quantities and quantities of vegetables which my family has canned or otherwise put up for winter use."

#### Story of the Harvest.

Mr. Rice raised the following | vegetables: 300 ears sugar corn, 70 quarts Hma beans, 150 heads of cabbage, 25 heads of caultflower, 25 dozen sweet peppers, 5 bushels string beans, 5 bushels beets, 10 bushels sweet potatoes, 1,000 heads of lettuce, 1 bushel early turnips, half peck radishes, 2 bushels parsnips, 1 bushel peas, 10 bushels tomatoes, 10 dozen cantaloupes, 10 dozen cucumbers and 25

dozen squash.

The gardener is country-bred and has a knowledge of the work, but he said today that there is no reason why others without experience could not learn to cultivate the city lots. He added that all the vegetables raised were of the best possible quality. The little farm is perhaps the most valuable garden in the city, by reason of the price paid for the land, and to observers who pass along 16th street it is evident that the cultivation of the land is quite an improvement over what might have been a vacant lot filled with weeds.

Room Well Stocked With Clothing. Inspector Grant and Detectives Berman and Kelly yesterday afternoon re covered fifty-two pairs of trousers, seventeen vests and three dozen neckties in a room occupied by Samuel Goldman, a stranger, recently arrested for theft a stranger, recently arrested for theft and sentenced to serve three months in jail. The articles of wearing apparel were recovered after Goldman's trial, and the police say they will file a num-ber of additional charges of theft against him. It is believed that some of the recovered property belongs to a whething dealer in Philadelphia.

#### VISITING THE WAR BRIDES.

I.-What They Mean to

By Frederic J. Haskin.

nountain town on the Lehigh is a center of America's newest, greatest and nost spectacular industry-the making of munitions for the European battlefields. Here came some of the first war orders, obtained by the emissaries broad of the Bethlehem Steel Com-

From Bethlehem as a center the business has spread, first to the subsidiaries of Bethlehem Steel, then to other large manufacturing interests, and finally to the "little fellows," many of whom have leaped to greatness in a

Undoubtedly the coming of the "war prides" has been one of the most unusual and picturesque phases of industrial development ever seen in this country. Business was slack, especially in iron and steel, but also in many other industries. Plants were closed and men were idle. Then came the and men were idle. Then came the opportunity that Europe had created, and the waiting, restless forces of industry rose to meet it. Working forces have been doubled and trebled. Plants in full blast are surrounded by the steel skeletons of new factories that are springing up like growing things.

At Hopewell, Va., a city of 20,000 has come into being where before City of 20,000 Was only a

Formerly Only Forest. At Penns Grove, N. J., a peaceful little country viliage has been invaded and turned upside down by an army of 10,000

owder makers. In the great cities the change has been less spectacular, but

Learning Capacities facilities of

of American Plants. the American munition plants are. It is known that the govsome day a handsome auditorium will ernment hesitated to take this step lest it be construed as a breach of the National Geographic Society may neutrality, but decided that it was justified in taking steps to obtain knowl-

time of need.

Not only the capacity of American munition factories, but their proficiency, is being greatly increased. can engineers are making a labora-tory study of the mechanism of war, as it has been perfected in Europe. Munitions to be used by European armies have to be made in accordance with European standards and specifica-tions, and this cannot be done properly unless all of the formulas and designs are laid before the men who do the

work.

It is known that certain European governments tried to hold back some of this information, which had been among their most important military secrets. It also is known that American manufacturers found it more expensive to do the work under such a handicap. So the foreign governments took the munition makers into their confidence as a matter of dollars and cents, and it has come about that chemical and metallurgical formulas, and designs for guns and shells, that were perfected in Europe and long guarded as secrets, are being used in American factories under the eyes of American military experts.

Mr. Topakyan said he had received news that among the slain Armenians were many of his own relatives. In the memorandum he gave to Secretary Lansing. he declared that the uprisings against the Christian Armenians had resulted in 500,000 persons being driven from their homes, tortured or murdered. How many had been slain, he said, it was still impossible to estimate. Thousands, he declared, who had taken refacing starvation.

Secretary Lansing assured Mr. Topakyan that President Wilson had taken American military experts.

The foreign governments are taking every precaution to see that their re-More Than 1,000 met. They have

Inspectors in U. S. met. They have more than 1,000 Hooper of Wheel, Md., was drowned while playing along the race of the Belair Electric Company's power plant.

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under the direction of Col. C. E. Phipp of the British army, have their office here in the Bethlehem Steel Company's building. Every day they may be seen in their big touring cars on their way

building. Every day they may be seen in their big touring cars on their way to the proving grounds at Redington, three miles down the river. Here lyddite and shrapnel are tested in the guns. Nothing is left to chance.

The magnitude of the "war bride" industry is a matter of much speculation and no official figures. Various estimates put the total value of war orders which have been placed in this country at from one to six billion dollars. The reason for the wide variation is that the contracts are of several kinds. Some of them must be filled whether the war continues or not. Some of them contain clauses which would render them void tomorrow if peace were declared. Others undoubtedly would be arbitrable. Conservative estimates place the total value of all contracts that must be filled at between one and two billion. Bethlehem Steel alone is said to have orders aggregating \$300,000,000.

Apart from its immediate value as a stimulus to business, and its ultimate value as a training and preparation in making munitions of war, what is to be the effect of the war brides on America? There are two opinions among those best qualified to know. Some of these say that with both Europe and the United States increasing their facilities in iron, steel and other lines to the utmost, there is bound to be a reaction when the war is over and there is no longer a market for munitions. They point out that although nearly everything from a chicken coop to a cathedral has been destroyed in Europe, all sides have agreed in preserving and improving factories. When the war is over, all of these factories will go to work with all their might to make up their losses. There will be overproduction and decreased home consumption, and the surplus will be overproduction and decreased home consumption, and the surplus will be to make up their losses. There will be overproduction and decreased home consumption, and the surplus will be "dumped" in the United States.

The more optimistic school of prophets declares that all the manufac-All Resources of the world will

towns and cities the shells have destroyed. Men will need tools and ma- gate the coast guard.

the production of everything that armies use has increased manyfold. So towns and fortunes have been made; firms struggling against adverse conditions have been suddenly lifted to the highest degree of prosperity; tens of thousands of idle men have found employment. The landing of the found employment. The landing of the foreign orders was a pinch hit that won the prosperity game for American industry.

There is reason to believe that the guiding intelligence of Bethlehem Steel does not expect a reaction after the war—at least so far as their own plants are concerned. This company is spending about \$40,000,000 in extensions and improvements—a large part of it right here in Bethlehem. And these extensions are being made permanent. There are more than 100 shops in the Bethlehem plant, which extends

#### PERSIAN CONSUL GENERAL PLEADS FOR ARMENIANS

Tells Secretary Lansing Uprisings Have Resulted in Driving 50,000 From Homes.

H. H. Topakyan, Persian consul general to the United States, has submitted to Secretary Lansing an appeal urging that the United States government de

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Secretary Lansing assured Mr. Topakyan that President Wilson had taken keen interest in the Armenian situation, and that the government was doing all it possibly could under the circumstances. He said he would present the appeal to President Wilson.

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# OF BUSINESS METHODS Gov. Dunne and Other Illinoisans

Two Chiefs of Treasury Divisions Planning for System of Betterment.

ommittees for the consideration of ethods of operation in the divisions, offices and bureaus assigned to them

#### Subcommittees Named.

John S. McCov. government actuary homas J. German, customs service, and Philip Buettner have been selected by Chairman Halstead to investigate the mint bureau, the general supply committee, the appointment division, the office of the chief clerk, the division of printing and stationery, the division of mail and files and the office of the disbursing clerk.

James F. McConniche, division of special agents; M. P. Muddleson, assistant chief of the division of public moneys, and D. S. Masterson, chief clerk, public health service, comprise the subcommittee selected by Chairman Halstead to investigate the public health service. The committee to investigate the bureau of engraving and printing has already been announced by Mr. Halstead.

#### Chairman Boyd's Selections.

M. F. Snyder, bureau of internal rev-Will Be Needed. be needed to re-build and re-ditor for the War Department; O. M equip Europe. When no more shells Maxim, office of the coast guard; O. M. are needed there will be an immense Slaybaugh, office of the coast guard, demand for structural steel and all and W. B. Whipple, bureau of internal other building materials to replace the revenue, comprise the subcommittee chosen by Chairman Boyd to investi-

stroyed. Men will need tools and materials of every sort.

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Admiral to Be Buried at Arlington. died at his home at Point Loma, Cal., Monday of pneumonia, after a brief illness, will be brought to Washington for interment in Arlington national cem-

Admiral Manney was born January 22, 1844, and was a native of Indiana. He was appointed to the United States Navy, September 24, 1861, and was retired in 1906. A wife and daughter are living.

#### PLANNING TO COMPLETE CHICAGO-GULF PROJECT

Confer With Secretary Garrison.

Plans of the state of Illinois for completing the Chicago-to-gulf waterway project by work on a sixty-five-mile stretch of the Illinois river have been Frank Halstead, chief of customs, and tentatively approved by Secretary Gar-N. Boyd, chief of the personal in-rison. Gov. Dunne and members of the come tax division of the internal reve- Illinois waterway commission, who conprovement committee" of the Treasury told that a public hearing would be Department, have organized their subengineering problems would be discussed and suggestions received.

The state has appropriated \$5,000,000 for the work, and as soon as the engineering plans are approved by War Department engineers a permit will be ssued, Secretary Garrison having deided that no legal obstacle to the proosal stood in the way.

Gov. Dunne called on President Wilson

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., October 27.-No work has been done toward inaugurating construction of the Chicago-to-gulf vaterway project, despite an appropriwaterway project, despite an appropriation by the last legislature of \$50,000 for initial expenses of the commission which is to have charge of the work. Filing of a taxpayer's sult enjoining payment of certain appropriations by the legislature, including the fifty-thousand-dollar waterway expenditure, has held up the work. Active work toward constructing the waterway cannot go forward, it is said, until a supreme court decision on the suit is announced. This is expected this week.

#### FIRST NAVY DIRIGIBLE.

#### Will Be Delivered at Pensacola in Next Three Weeks.

Four new hydro-aeroplanes have been received at the navy aeronatutic station, Pensacola, Fla., this month, and the first navy dirigible will be delivered at the station within the next

Reports from the station to the Navy Department, just made public, said extensive bomb dropping experiments had been made recently during the training work, and that the launching device on the cruiser North Carolina, Admiral to Be Buried at Arlington.

The body of Rear Admiral Henry Newman Manney, U. S. N., retired, who died at his home at Point Lorne Cal

#### Land Held Non-Irrigable.

Secretary Lane has approved an order designating as non-irrigable in character more than 2,000,000 acres of land in the Pierre land district in South Dakota. Only a small portion of the land listed is believed, however, to be still in public ownership.



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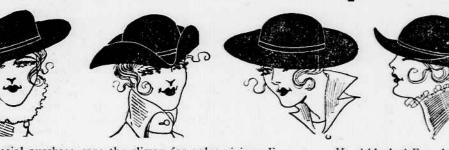
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